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ROUTINE

PRIORITY OCI

COUNTRY

EAST GERMANY/CZECHOSLOVAKIA/HUNGARY

PLACE ACQUIRED

SUBJECT

1. REPERCUSSIONS OF THE HUNGARIAN REBELLION IN EAST BERLIN
2. SOVIET TROOPS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA

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1.

ON THE NIGHT OF 29 OCTOBER 1956 THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE SED RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS FROM MOSCOW TO HALT RECRUITMENT OF VOLKSARMEE AND TO BEGIN WEEDING OUT OLDER, POLITICALLY UNRELIABLE OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN. THOSE WEEDED OUT ARE TO BE REPLACED BY "SOVIET" SOLDIERS. [REDACTED] COMMENT: THIS SEEMS SOMEWHAT DOUBTFUL AND THE REFERENCE MAY BE TO POLITICALLY RELIABLE, IE: PRO-SOVIET EAST GERMAN RECRUITS.) [REDACTED] A SIMILAR ORDER WAS SENT TO ALL THE SATELLITES. IN ADDITION, THE THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND SOVIET TROOPS RECENTLY WITHDRAWN FROM EAST GERMANY ARE SCHEDULED TO RETURN IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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2.

FIVE SOVIET DIVISIONS

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[REDACTED] ARE PRESENTLY IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HAVING ARRIVED FROM THE USSR. [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] THE PRESS SECTION OF THE OFFICE OF PREMIER OTTO GROTEWOHL, STATED THAT THE EAST GERMAN SITUATION WAS UNDER CONTROL, THAT STRONG SECURITY MEASURES HAD BEEN TAKEN, AND THAT THERE WAS NO DANGER OF A REVOLT SIMILAR TO THAT IN HUNGARY. TROUBLE WAS ENCOUNTERED WITH THE FDJ GROUP AT HUMBOLDT UNIVERSITY ON 27-28 OCTOBER AS THE RESULT OF AN SED LEADERSHIP CLEAVAGE THERE BETWEEN STALINISTS AND NON-STALINISTS. THE EAST GERMAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT DECIDED WHICH SIDE TO SUPPORT IN THE HUNGARIAN REVOLT AND HAS ADOPTED A WAIT AND SEE ATTITUDE. IN ORDER TO APPEASE THE EAST GERMAN POPULACE THE GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED THE USSR TO SUPPLY FOOD, PARTICULARLY WHEAT, TO HELP ALLEVIATE THE SHORTAGE OF FOOD WHICH IS ALREADY PRESENT AND EXPECTED TO CONTINUE. THE GOVERNMENT HAS ASSURED FACTORY WORKERS THAT IT WILL NOT RAISE NORMS AND HAS ALSO PROMISED PENSIONERS TO RAISE PENSIONS FROM 75 DMO TO 120 DMO IN 1957.

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4. [REDACTED] NO MOVEMENT EXISTS TO REMOVE ULBRICHT IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE CDU (OST) DISTRICT LEADERS ARE MEETING IN EAST BERLIN ON 31 OCTOBER TO REAFFIRM THEIR POLICY OF COOPERATION WITH THE SED. DE-STALINIZATION IS TO PROCEED SLOWLY. BOTH GOETTING AND BEYLING FEEL THAT NO EAST GERMAN UPRISING IS IMMINENT AS THE GOVERNMENT LEARNED A LESSON FROM 17 JUNE 1953 AND REALIZES THAT STRONG SECURITY MEASURES MUST BE COUPLED WITH SOME APPEASEMENT OF THE POPULACE.

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5. [REDACTED]

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TROOPS HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM BUDAPEST BUT NOT FROM HUNGARY.

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